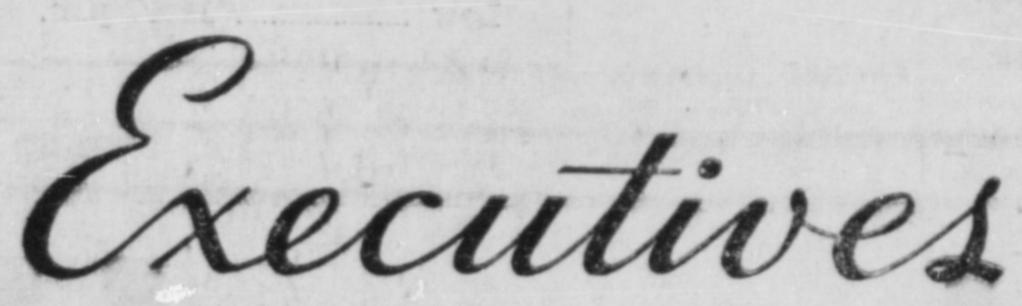
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## EDITORIAL

## Post-Holiday Reflections - - -

At the risk of the retort that we may be getting old to that. and behind the times, it seems to us that too much stimulation, too much artificiality, is developing in the way we have the season opened March 1 vestigate conditions of the halibut supply and demand which was celebrate our Christmas and New Years now. The old so as to enable them to fish out industry. simplicity and the sincerity seems to be to large extent the quota of halibut before going disappearing and, with these qualities, much of the true into their regular branch of fishspirit and meaning of the season. To many of us, we fear, ery such as salmon, pilchard and Christmas and New Year and the intervening period is herring seining. Obviously, any developing into very much of a jamboree, sustained by sti- also to earn a livelihood is not mulus and artificiality, and we very much doubt if we are considered in their scheme of the better for it either individually or collectively.

We are in the midst of a war. Our statesmen and our Unfortunately, we are not in a leaders tell us to save our resources and lend them to the position, through no fault of our government so they may be employed in the battle for our in the fishery with the Vancouver Empire and all the things that it holds dear. Possibly, we men. Moreover, had the Vancouver might have started to do some saving during the festive salmon fishermen in the past reseason. It would have been good for our souls, for our quested the government for stringhealth, for our pocket book.

There is mderation in all things, of course, We do stocks, the same as our halibut not suggest for a moment that we should develop into a fishermen had to impose upon the bunch of kill-joys, never thinking of happy things, devoting ourselves all to work and none to play.

But we do think in these days of crisis that a little more thought of some of the real essentials would be good for us all and would tend to harden us up for the more difficult days that may lie ahead.

Possibly we have been too carefree, too inclined to indulging our own desires and our own inclinations.

At the same time, it is a duty for us all, a more important duty than ever, to radiate true happiness and moral confidence so that our morale may be maintained. Undoubtedly, many of us need more discipline. Our

ability to impose self-discipline is one of the tests of de- FOR RENT-One-room cabin, partmocracy. The alternative may be dictatorship or our national disappearance.

These are thoughts that the season just past has brought to our minds. We pass them on for what they are worth. If our readers are inclined to a little self-searching now that we are settled down to the serious business of another year, possibly the thoughts might be applied to their individual cases.

It may be that a few facts may be suggested which it would be better that we face voluntarily while there is still the practicability of making effective resolutions.

## Canada's Trade and Economy - - -

At the cost of considerable space, we are publishing WANTED-Experienced local girl today a review by the federal Minister of Trade and Commerce of Canada's trade and economy. It contains a lot of information and it also contains a lot of food for ELDERLY woman, work by hour. thought and some suggestions as to what Canadians may expect and how they might govern themselves in these strenuous and changing times. We commend the reading of the minister's statement to those who may be desirous of obtaining some useful economic facts in relation to the Lost-Green coat at Moose. Findstate of war in which Canada find itself today.

### Letter Box

REPLY TO VANCOUVER HALIBUT FISHERMEN

Editor, Daily News: We noticed in the Vancouver dailies of December 9 an article with headlines "Halibut men protest later season opening" followed by a statement by Rolph Bremer, Secretary of the Vancouver Vessel Owners' Association, giving the fellowing reasons for his contention: "(1) The later opening would

force a reciod of uncomplayment during a month considered ideal for halibut fishing."

The regular halibut fishermen consider August and September as ideal for fishing as April as they have not, like the Vancouver men, other fisheries to depend upon for a livelihood with the result that many of our men are unemployed from the giosure of one year's halibut season until opening of the next.

Again we quote Mr. Bremer: "They believe a May 1 opening date would further decrease Cana- halibut industry, they would in all spokesmen for our government | West Coast of Vancouver Island - Hundreds of people try a "g da's share of the annual halibut probability have been in a position have told the farmers in Canada Strong southeast winds or gales, ancatch."

does not co-incide with facts be-'salmon industry without regard war effort was to continue procause the American part-time fleet for the future consequences to a duction. We were told that the is much larger than the Canadian, point that today, so they claim grain market situation was a seri-The difference in a later opening themselves, they must invade every ous embarrassment to our authori-Canadian halibut fishermen hav- bia to earn a decent standard of hogs and dairy. ing a longer fishing season and living..

fleet. Also we require protection ing. 25 against illegal and irregular prac- For the enlightment of the pub- farmer sold below cost of produc-.02 tices rather than against so-called lic is the only reason this letter tion. The excuse for that situation part-time producers."

also very much in favor of elimin- to participate profitably in the dustry, the farmer was the "forating any irregular fishing prac- halibut industry. Friday, January 3, 1941. tices which is one of our chief; As early as 1913-14 it became reasons for recommending a later evident to both dealers and fishthe season in the fall and in that measures of protection were esway eliminate any irregularity of sential with the result that, after fishing as much as possible. If the much agitation among ticipate for the duration of the reached the government and, as a

other group of fishermen entitled

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is written. Let us briefly examine which has practically bankrupted; Regrding these statements by some facts which, fortunately for Canadian agriculture was allegedly the secretary of the Vancouver all of the so-called part-time fish- the "law of supply and demand."

regular halibut men to extend but industry was to survive, some Vancouver fishermen wish to par-groups concerned, the matter entire season, no one could object consequence, the government em-On the other hand, we find that son, now with the Canadian-United ducts at these prices.

After some years of research the status of European peasants, work, Dr. Thomson reported, started to work in the farmer's among other things, that the hali- favor and lo and behold, no sooner but stocks on the fishing banks do butter fat prices go a few cents were steadily becoming depleted above lar year's prices or the year by year. For instance in areas so-called "consumer groups" raise 9 to 13, which constitute the waters a cry to high heaven. And wonwhere the present Vancouver der of wonders the Canadian govfleet mostly operate, the poundage per unit of effort had fallen from profiteering (?!) on the part of 272 pounds in 1906 to forty-eight counds in 1928 and continued falling until 1930-31. Of course, this that maximum price guarantees depletion was more or less general him a standard of living on a par

After Dr. Thomson made known and provided the government is his findings, it became more and also prepared to fix a minimum more evident to the industry in price. general that some drastic meas- I submit, Mr. Editor, that the ures must be invoked unless this present butter fat price tixing arvaluable industry was to become rangement is not only unjust but extinct. And as a consequence, will have serious repercussions to after more discussions and con- the detriment of our war effort. ferences between the industry and One of the basic foundations on authorities, a new and first inter- which democracy must be built is national treaty of its kind between justice and the present pegging United States and Canada was is not justice, hence not compatsigned with a commission set up ible with democracy. to govern it which resulted in clos-FOR RENT-Large furnished office ure of the convention waters to to do about it?

However, in subsequent years space. following the closure of the season to halibut fishing, further protec-(2) tion of the stocks of halibut on the banks were found necessary. Consequently, more restriction had

to be placed upon the fleet itself. Governor Holds Many other measures of protection Governor Holds have been from time to time re-commended by the regular halibut New Year Levee fishermen and put into effect by he commission so that today, the fishing banks are stocked very well with halibut, in fact, so well Customary Reception Takes Place that new men like most of the part-time men now find it profit-

able to participate. the halibut fistermen in former or General's New Year Day recepwars pursued the same policy as tion was held as usual yesterday. the salmon fishermen we venture about 1000 attended. Prime Minto state that the only place most ister Mackenzie King was the first of the ra-called part-time fisher- to shake hands with Their Excellenmen would have seen halibut today cies, the Earl of Athlone and Prinwould be in the cold starages or cess Alice. chop windows.

GEO. ANDERSON, Secretary, Deen Sea Fishermen's Federal Union

Prince Rupert

BUTTER PRODUCERS' OBJECTION

Fditor, Daily Naws:

on several subsequent occasions, curred. to earn a livelihood from it today, that the best contribution they settled and mild with rain. We might say this statement But, instead, they exploited the could make towards the national date would result in the regular fishing industry in British Colum- ties and were urged to shift to

Many farmers throughout Canaconsequently catch the poundage. It might also be emphasized at da followed those instructions and the part-time men now take with this point that, until six or seven what do they get in return?-A the earlier opening date. years ago after the old steamboat slap in the face. The recent peg-Mr. Bremer further states: "Eli- days, Vancouver fishermen fish- ging of butter prices on a "barely, mination of so-called part-time ing halibut were so few that no cost of production basis" is one producers, one reason the deferred one hardly knew that such men of the grossest pieces of social inopening date has been requested, existed and for a very good reason justice ever perpetrated upon the

For ten years, Mr. Editor, the gotten man." Everything he needed to carry on skyrocketed but the farmer's dollar (in produce) lost purchasing power as costs in-

No doubt the consumer did not ! kick! As long as he or she got their butter cheap it did not matter that the farmer was going broke producing it. They regarded it as their God given right to have access to these farm pro-

duction of the Canadian farmer to ernment steps in and stops this! agriculture. No farmer objects to with the man in the urban centre

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